

Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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NOAA Fisheries Reminds Fishermen that the Last Day of the Federal For-Hire Red Snapper Recreational Fishing Season is Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Beginning this year, the red snapper recreational fishing season is different for federally permitted charter vessels/headboats (for-hire) than for private anglers in the Gulf of Mexico. The red snapper recreational fishing season for the for-hire component opened June 1, 2015, at 12:01 a.m., local time, and will close July 15, 2015, at 12:01 a.m., local time. After the federal red snapper recreational season closes for the for-hire component, for-hire vessels may not harvest or possess red snapper if state waters are open.